

Short Histories of Notable Regiments

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FIFTH MICHIGAN CAVALRY.

CUSTER'S BRIGADE—KILPATRICK'S DIVISION—CAVALRY CORPS, A. P.

(1) Col. JOSEPH T. COPELAND; Brig.-Gen.
(2) Col. FREEMAN NORVELL.

(3) Col. RUSSELL A. ALGER; Bvt. Major-Gen.
(4) Col. SMITH H. HASTINGS.

COMPANIES.	KILLED AND DIED OF WOUNDS.			DIED OF DISEASE, ACCIDENTS, IN PRISON, &c.			Total Enrollment.
	Officers.	Men.	Total.	Officers.	Men.	Total.	
Field and Staff.....	1	..	1	23
Company A.....	1	17	18	..	11	11	124
B.....	1	8	9	1	17	18	126
C.....	1	13	14	..	14	14	133
D.....	1	11	12	..	16	16	124
E.....	1	11	12	..	29	29	137
F.....	1	7	8	..	26	26	128
G.....	1	6	7	..	29	29	144
H.....	1	15	16	1	15	16	135
I.....	1	10	11	..	18	18	115
K.....	1	11	12	1	13	14	130
L.....	1	7	8	..	15	15	129
M.....	1	19	20	..	19	19	128
Totals.....	6	135	141	3	222	225	1,576

Total of killed and wounded, 502; died in Confederate prisons (previously included), 76.

BATTLES.	K. & M. W.	BATTLES.	K. & M. W.	BATTLES.	K. & M. W.
Hanover Pa., June 30, 1863.....	1	Morton's Ford, Va., Nov. 27, 1863.....	2	Luray, Va., Sept. 24, 1864.....	1
Gettysburg, Pa., July 3, 1863.....	15	Todd's Tavern, Va., May 6, 1864.....	5	Woodstock, Va., Oct. 8, 1864.....	1
Cashtown, Md., July 5, 1863.....	1	Yellow Tavern, Va., May 11, 1864.....	5	Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864.....	4
Boonsboro, Md., July 8, 1863.....	3	Hawes's Shop, Va., May 28, 1864.....	15	Newtown, Va., Nov. 12, 1864.....	3
Hagerstown, Md., July 12, 1863.....	1	Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, 1864.....	2	Guerrillas, Va., Nov. 8, 1864.....	3
Newby's Cross Roads, July 24, 1863.....	1	Trevilian Sta., Va., June 11, 1864.....	21	Guerrillas, Va., Dec. 2, 1864.....	2
Port Conway, Va., Sept. 1, 1863.....	1	Front Royal, Va., Aug. 16, 1864.....	1	Sallem, Va., Oct. 23, 1864.....	1
Raccoon Ford, Va., Sept. 16, 1863.....	1	Berryville, Va., Aug. 19, 1864.....	15	Five Forks, Va., April 1, 1865.....	2
James City, Va., Oct. 10, 1863.....	2	Sherrystown, Va., Aug. 26, 1864.....	4	Pursuit of Lee, April 4, 1865.....	2
Brandy Station, Va., Oct. 12, 1863.....	6	Smithfield, Va., Aug. 29, 1864.....	4	On Picket, Va.....	1
Buckland's Mills, Va., Oct. 19, 1863.....	5	Summit, Va., Sept. 5, 1864.....	1	Place unknown.....	1
Gainesville, Va., Oct. 30, 1863.....	1	Opequon, Va., Sept. 19, 1864.....	10		

NOTES.—Organized at Detroit in Aug. 1862, leaving the State on December 4th with 1,144 officers and men. Proceeding directly to Washington it joined the Michigan Brigade, then being formed, composed of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Michigan Cavalry, to which the first Michigan Cavalry was subsequently added. General Custer assumed command of the brigade while on its march to Gettysburg, where it had its first opportunity to distinguish itself under fire. The brigade sustained the heaviest loss of any cavalry brigade in that battle. The Fifth was commanded there by Colonel Alger, who had served previously as a Major in the Second Michigan Cavalry, from which he was promoted to the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the Sixth, and thence to the Colonelcy of the Fifth; he was one of the ablest cavalry officers in the Army. The loss of the Fifth at Gettysburg was 8 killed, 30 wounded, and 18 missing; Major Noah H. Ferry was killed there. At Hawes's Shop, out of 151 engaged, 55 were killed or wounded. The regiment met its heaviest loss in the cavalry affair at Trevilian Station, where in addition to the killed and wounded 136 were taken prisoners,—the regiment having charged too far through an opening in the enemy's line, and being cut off from the brigade it was obliged to cut its way out.

TENTH CONNECTICUT INFANTRY.

PLAISTED'S BRIGADE—TERRY'S DIVISION—TENTH CORPS.

(1) Col. CHARLES L. RUSSELL (killed). (2) Col. ALBERT W. DRAKE (died). (3) Col. IRA W. PETTIBONE.
(4) Col. JOHN L. OTTIS; Bvt. Brig. Gen. (5) Col. EDWIN S. GREELEY; Bvt. Brig. Gen.

COMPANIES.	KILLED AND DIED OF WOUNDS.			DIED OF DISEASE, ACCIDENTS, IN PRISON, &c.			Total Enrollment.
	Officers.	Men.	Total.	Officers.	Men.	Total.	
Field and Staff.....	2	..	2	2	..	2	20
Company A.....	3	11	14	1	14	15	176
B.....	1	10	11	..	20	20	172
C.....	1	9	10	..	14	14	160
D.....	1	12	13	..	17	17	166
E.....	1	16	17	..	16	16	182
F.....	1	10	11	..	10	10	146
G.....	2	5	7	1	18	19	158
H.....	3	15	18	..	17	17	204
I.....	1	10	11	1	19	20	178
K.....	1	11	12	..	10	10	166
Totals.....	13	109	122	5	155	160	1,728

Total of killed and wounded, 433; died in Confederate prisons, 11.

BATTLES.	K. & M. W.	BATTLES.	K. & M. W.
Roanoke Island, N. C.....	12	Petersburg, Va.....	3
New Bern, N. C.....	9	New Market Road, Va., Oct. 7, 1864.....	4
Kinston, N. C.....	34	Darbytown Road, Va., Oct. 13, 1864.....	9
St. Augustine, Fla.....	1	Hatcher's Run, Va.....	2
Drewry's Bluff, Va.....	10	Fort Gregg, Va.....	21
Deep Bottom, Va.....	17		

Present, also, at Whitehall; Seabrook Island; Siege of Charleston; Waltham Junction; Bermuda Hundred; Strawberry Plains; Laurel Hill Church; Johnson's Plantation; Appomattox.

NOTES.—Recruited in various counties. It left the State November 1, 1861, and proceeded to Annapolis, where it embarked with the Burnside expedition to North Carolina. It was placed in Foster's (1st) Brigade, and was engaged at Roanoke Island, its casualties in that action amounting to 6 killed and 49 wounded. Colonel Russell fell there, the first one of the Connecticut colonels killed in the war. At the battle of Kinston, N. C.,—December 14, 1862,—the heaviest loss fell on the Tenth Connecticut, it having been entrusted with the most prominent part. It lost there 11 killed, and 89 wounded, out of 366 engaged; five line officers were killed or mortally wounded. The remarkable gallantry of the regiment in this action was publicly acknowledged at its close by General Foster, in words of extreme praise. At that battle it was in Stevenson's (2d) Brigade, Foster's (1st) Division. In April, 1864, the Tenth joined the Army of the James, and participated in all its battles. It was engaged at Deep Bottom with a loss of 8 killed, 64 wounded, and 10 missing. Major Henry W. Camp, the "Knights' Soldier," was killed at Darbytown Road. The regiment was transferred in December, to Foster's (1st) Division, Twenty-fourth Corps, in which command it took the lead in the victorious but desperate assault on Fort Gregg, its losses there amounting to 11 killed and 79 wounded. Its flag was the first on the parapet, and the gallantry displayed there by the regiment was signally acknowledged by General Gibbon, the corps commander.

EDITORIAL NOTE: The above pages are reproduced from Col. Fox's famous book, "Legionary Losses." Other pages, giving short histories of notable regiments, will appear from week to week. It is hoped the appearance of these short histories will stimulate comrades to send in material for the preparation of more complete histories of their respective regiments than have yet appeared.

Jackson County Iowa Reunion.

The 16th Annual Reunion of the Jackson County (Iowa) Veteran Association, with its auxiliaries, was held Aug. 9 and 10, at Sabula. The meeting was the most successful of the series; 149 veterans were enrolled, and the attendance of Sons of Veterans and of the Association of Patriotic Women were also large. There were able addresses by eloquent orators, and numerous enticing numbers on the entertainment program. Banqueting, of course, the people were cordial and lavish hosts and fed the visitors to repletion. Among the entertainments were: A

superb Flag Drill by girls, under instruction of Mrs. Lou Esmay and Miss De Etta Seebor; gun drill by boys, sharing honors with the Flag Drill by the girls; two games of baseball by rival expert players; foot races, and no end of music. The leading addresses were by Rev. Otis Crawford, a veteran of Co. A, 9th Iowa, and Albert F. Dawson, Senior Vice Commander of the Jackson County Sons of Veterans. The Jackson County Veterans' Association elected officers: Commander, W. H. Oake; Senior Vice Commander, Nathan G. Dye; Junior Vice Commander, F. M. Miles; Adjutant, H. Reid; Quartermaster, W. F. Hoyt; Commissary Sergeant, S. M.

Gibson; Color Sergeant, M. Maloney; Chaplain, J. W. Said. The Jackson County Sons of Veterans officers elected are: Commander, W. H. Gibson; Senior Vice Commander, D. G. Whitney; Junior Vice Commander, J. S. Becker; Quartermaster Sergeant, George Gibson; Commissary Sergeant, J. O. White; Chaplain, Z. M. Holcomb; Adjutant, H. Graaf; Secretary, J. G. Young. The officers elected by the Jackson County Association of Patriotic Women are: President, Mrs. Caroline Brady; First Vice President, Mrs. Charity Keely; Second Vice President, Mrs. Mary Oake; Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan. Next year the Reunion will be held at Andrews.

BATTLE OF ATLANTA.

(Continued from first page.)

hands and knees, and swept the enemy from that front. The whole of Hood's army, except Sherman's Corps, was thrown into our rear upon the flank and the front of the Army of the Tennessee, and after fighting from mid-day until dark and upon both flanks, and that army held or commanded the entire battlefield, demonstrating the fact that the Army of the Tennessee alone was able to combat and meet and defeat Hood's entire army. The battle fell almost entirely upon the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Corps and two divisions of the Fifteenth Corps, three brigades of the Sixteenth being absent. The attack of the enemy was made along this line some seven times, and they were seven times repulsed. We captured 1,000 prisoners, 5,000 stands of arms, 2,017 muskets. We lost killed and wounded 3,521 men, 10 pieces of artillery, and over 1,800 men, mostly from Blair's Corps, were taken prisoners. The enemy's dead upon the high ground in front of the different corps was over 2,000 and the enemy's total loss in killed, wounded and prisoners was 8,000.

WHY WERE THE OTHER ARMIES IDLE?

The criticism has often been made of this battle that the two armies, the Army of the Tennessee and the Army of the Ohio (two-thirds as large as the Army of the Tennessee), the other the Army of the Cumberland (the largest of all Sherman's armies), did not enter Atlanta. Gen. Sherman urged Thomas to make the attack. Thomas's answer was that the enemy were in full force behind his intrenchments. That was, Sherman's Corps was guarding that front, but Gen. Schofield urged Sherman to allow him to throw his army upon Cheatham's flank, and endeavor to roll up the Confederate line and so interfere between Atlanta and Cheatham's Corps, which was so persistently attacking the Fifteenth and Seventeenth Corps from the Atlanta front. Sherman, whose anxiety had been very great, seeing how successfully we were meeting the attack, his face relaxing into a pleasant smile, said to Schofield: "Let the Army of the Tennessee fight it out for me. This flank attack of Schofield on Cheatham would have no doubt cleared our front facing Atlanta intrenchments, but some of the enemy remain in the rear, and the militia to hold the Atlanta intrenchments."

Gen. Sherman in speaking of this battle always regretted that he did not allow Schofield to succeed in his plan, and also to force the fighting on Thomas's front; but no doubt the loss of McPherson really took his attention from everything except the enemy's position in front of the Atlanta front.

At about 10 o'clock on the night of the 22d, the three corps commanders of the Army of the Tennessee (one of them in command of the Army of the Ohio) met in the Fifteenth Corps on the line of the Decatur road, under an oak tree, and there discussed the results of the day. Blair's Corps were at the time in the trenches; in some places the enemy were in the trenches, they were still in their own line, but tired and hungry, and those of the Sixteenth were, as they were, in the trenches, and throwing up intrenchments on the field they had held and won. It was thought that the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Ohio, if they could be brought into the day, should send a force to relieve Blair and Dodge, being the junior corps commander, was dispatched by Gen. Logan, at the request of Gen. Sherman, to the relief of Blair and Dodge. My impression is that I met him in a tent; I have heard it said that he had his headquarters in a house. When I met him he seemed rather surprised to see me, and he said: "I have heard that you were killed there." I stated to him my errand. He turned upon me and said: "Dodge, you whipped them to-day, didn't you?" "Yes, sir," I said. Then he said: "Can't you do it again to-morrow?" and I said, "Yes, sir," bade him good night, and went back to my command, determined never to go upon another such errand. As he explained it afterward, he wanted it said that the little Army of the Tennessee had fought the great battle that day, needing no help, no aid, and that it could be said that the Army of the Tennessee, the whole of Hood's army, therefore, let us hold our position and our line, knowing that Hood would not dare attack us after the "thrashing" he had already received. When we spoke of this, we spoke of the loss of McPherson. I stated to him my errand. He turned upon me and said: "Dodge, you whipped them to-day, didn't you?" "Yes, sir," I said. 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